REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-8 and 18-24. Claims 16 and 17 were allowed and Claims 9-15 and 25-31 were indicated as being allowable if presented in independent form including the limitations of the base Claim and the intervening Claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants have added the limitation of Claim 9 to Claim 9 and Claim 9 was canceled. Hence, Claims 1 - 8 and 10 - 15 should now be allowable. Likewise, the limitation of Claim 25 has been added to Claim 18 and Claim 25 has been canceled. Consequently, Claims 18 - 24 and 26 - 31 should be allowable.

Claim 12 has been presented in independent form as new Claim 32. Claims 33 – 45 depend from new Claim 32 and track Claims 2 – 11 and 13 – 15, respectively. Claim 28 has been presented in independent form as new Claim 46. Claims 47 – 58 depend from new Claim 46 and track Claims 19 – 27 and 29 – 31. Hence, as Claims 12 and 28 were indicated as being allowable if presented in independent form, Claims 32 – 58 should be allowable as well. Note that numerous additional minor edits have been made in the Claims.

The subject application is deemed to properly present claims patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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